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- Mail to: Mr. Paul Marshall, SDIP EIR/EIR Comments
Department of Water Resources, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento CA 95814

South Delta IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

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February 1, 2006

Mr. Paul Marshall
SDIP EIR/EIR Comments
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Dear Mr. Marshall

My Grandfather purchased Hammer Island, across from the Delta Mendota Canal Fish Screens, in 1939 and I and my family have been coming to the Delta ever since. I have been living on my island, Middleton's Island also across from the fish screens at Delta Mendota Canal, since 1982.

I see what the water export/pumping is doing to the Delta. The deterioration of the fishing and water quality, the scouring of the levees and islands, the siltation, and the very fast current that rusher by our area causing other problems including bringing all the water lilies down to our area.

I went to your meeting last Thursday in Stockton and the people who spoke against you plan are all people who use or live on the Delta and they see first hand what is happening. You should listen to them.

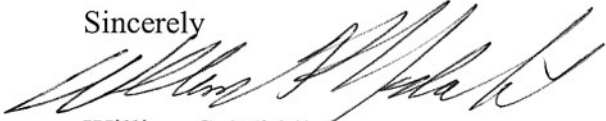
The barriers that you no propose to make permanent were originally put in because the local farmers were suing the government for lowering river water levels so a point that they could not pump their irrigation water from the Delta. Subsequently, the government has come up with new benefits that do not make any sense at all I do not know why the government changed the purpose of these barriers or why they want to install permanent ones. They block the natural flow of the rivers and they lower the water level on our side of the barriers which is the side you pump from They also cause siltation in our area and seem to cause more problems than they cure.

I think you are very short sighted to plan to continue to export more water. What is going to happen fifty to a hundred years from now? You cannot continue to think that the Delta water can continue to supply the population growth that California is surely going to have in the future

You need to seek other sources of water, such as taking the salt out of seawater. If you do not, you will be pumping seawater from the Delta someday. If you implemented a desalination plan now and gradually mixed the sea water with other water sources and gradually decreased the export of water from the Delta, then the Delta could heal itself. At the same time, you need to mplement water conservation in Southern California. Do the homes in Southern California have water meters. They need to have them and they need to be charged enough so that they conserve water.

To think that to improve the quality of the Delta water by pumping more water down south is crazy

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William S. Middleton', written in a cursive style.

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